in Information Technology consumption in general and particularly in the manufacturing, banking & finance and media & professional services sectors. As per the study, the trend is expected to reverse with projected Personal Computers sales of 19 lakh units in 2002-03.

Extravagancy in BSNL

2348. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Bharat Sanchar Nigam main karodon ki phizulkharchi" which appeared in the "Punjab Kesari" dated the 4th July, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what corrective steps are proposed to be taken to address various problems and bottlenecks mentioned in the news article regarding corrupt practices between Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The renting of accommodation has been carried out due to extreme shortage of space in Sanchar Bhawan and the need to vacate Dak Bhawan. The process has been carried out through open tendering in a transparent manner and therefore, the question of taking corrective steps does not arise.

Mobile connections through BSNL in Kerala

2349. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to provide mobile connections through BSNL in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and